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In the news

Senator charged with stealing

John Sampson, a New York state senator from Brooklyn was charged with stealing proceeds from sales of foreclosed properties to finance a failed run for district attorney, prosecutors said, making him the state's latest politician to face federal criminal charges. He was charged with nine counts including embezzlement, obstruction of justice and making false statements to federal investigators, according to an indictment. Sampson turned himself in and was arraigned in Brooklyn federal court. He pleaded not guilty, and was released on a $250,000 bond.

Mold problems abound six months after Sandy

Storm's aftermath. Ten of thousands of homes are contaminated due to water damage.

When Hurricane Sandy hit Jackie Rogers' home in Far Rockaway, the last thing she was worried about was a mold infestation. She packed up and left her home as the storm rolled in.

"I heeded Mayor Bloomberg's words," Rogers, who is in her 40s, told Metro.

Now, six months after the storm hit, she's dealing with a mold infestation she never fathomed, one that's gone from bad to worse even as she's tried to battle it.

She's not alone. A new report by six community organizations indicates that about 60 percent of homes, perhaps as much as 70 thousand, suffering significant water damage during Sandy are beleaguered with mold spores. On Tuesday, neighborhood leaders went on a walking tour of houses damaged by mold, through Staten Island and Far Rockaway.

In January, after significant media attention was brought to the issue, a mold remediation program began. Yet, though the federal government has begun stepping in to help pay for remediation, funding reportedly does not extend to mold contamination on exterior walls, including under-siding.

"Even though my walls were gutted inside, the insurance says they can't pay for the thick mold on the outside of my home," Rogers said.

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Volunteers remove mold from a house that was damaged in superstorm Sandy. / GETTY IMAGES

Pratt students conquer trial by fire

This painting by Daniel Barragan will be exhibited. / DANIEL BARRAGAN

One evening three months ago, years of Pratt Institute students' work went up in flames.

Dozens of the design school's students lost artwork in an enormous fire that roared through the school's main building Feb. 15.

Lost in the ashes were 44 seniors' works. Pieces from before and after the fire will be shown in a Park Avenue exhibit that debuts Thursday.

Their exhibit, Flameproof, shows 100 artworks of drawing and painting students.

The show was assisted by Larry Gagosian, an art dealer who helped secure exhibition space. He was inspired by the student's need to move forward after experiencing loss from fire himself, he said.

Brooklynite Milo Wisig, 25, lost all his work from this school year and some from sophomore and junior year. All told, about 20 pieces were destroyed, he said.

"We were told that anything on that side was gone," he told Metro.

The exhibition, which is free, will be at 375 Park Avenue Thursday through May 14 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m.

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Pills police

New NYPD measures on prescription drug crime

Police Commissioner Ray Kelly declared war on the illegal sale of prescription drugs in a speech at the New York University Law School.

The commissioner said the NYPD will advise 6,000 pharmacists on how to safeguard their dispensaries from robbery.

Other measures they will implement include police training on drug abuse, a partnership with the Drug Enforcement Administration and an expanded city-wide drug education program.

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Fine arts

Painter charged with art heist

Following a sting, Kings County attorneys indicted a Brooklyn man accused of stealing valuable works of art.

Prosecutors say Joselito Vega, 42, stole the paintings from a house he was hired to work on as a painter in March 2011. He was assigned through his employer to the Schulhof Estate in Kings Point.

When the Schulhof Estate performed an inventory, three paintings had gone missing: "Le Fauteuil II (the Armchair II)" by Jean DuBuffet, valued at $50,000, "Tuftonboro" by Frank Stella and "Flower" by Norman Lewis.

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One of the stolen works
BROOKLYN PROSECUTORS OFFICE

Shark fin ban is on way to New York City

No soup for you. The state is poised to make the shark fin trade illegal.

The New York Assembly has agreed that shark fin soup should not be legal in New York. Legislators voted to ban trade of shark fins in New York State. The Senate had already approved the measure.

Critics have said the sharks are brutally killed for their fins, which are sometimes used in dishes like shark fin soup.

The Wildlife Conservation Society's John Calvelli applauded the move.

"The New York State legislature's passage of a ban on the sale or trade of shark fins in New York is a valuable step toward raising awareness of the plight of sharks globally and how local demand contributes to their decline," he said.

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The shark fin trade would be illegal in New York under the new bill.
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Gun crime

Young girl is robbed in BX

Police are searching for a man who robbed a 13-year-old girl at gunpoint in the Bronx last week.

The suspect approached the girl at approximately 3 p.m. on April 29 on Broadway, police said. He displayed a gun and demanded her cell phone. The victim complied, and the suspect fled.

Cops released a surveillance photo of the suspect. He is described as a white male wearing dark clothing.

LAURA SHIN

Needle attack. Man with syringe tries to rob Queens taxi driver

Cops are looking for a man who tried to rob a cab driver.

According to police, shortly before 10 p.m. on Friday, May 3, a man entered a cab at 63rd Road in Queens.

He demanded cash and showed a syringe.

The cabbie did not hand over the cash, and the suspect fled.

Police described him as male, white, 25 to 30 with brown hair and a slight beard.

Anyone with info should call 800-577-TIPS.

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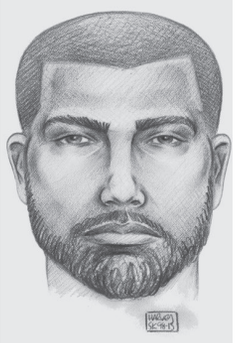

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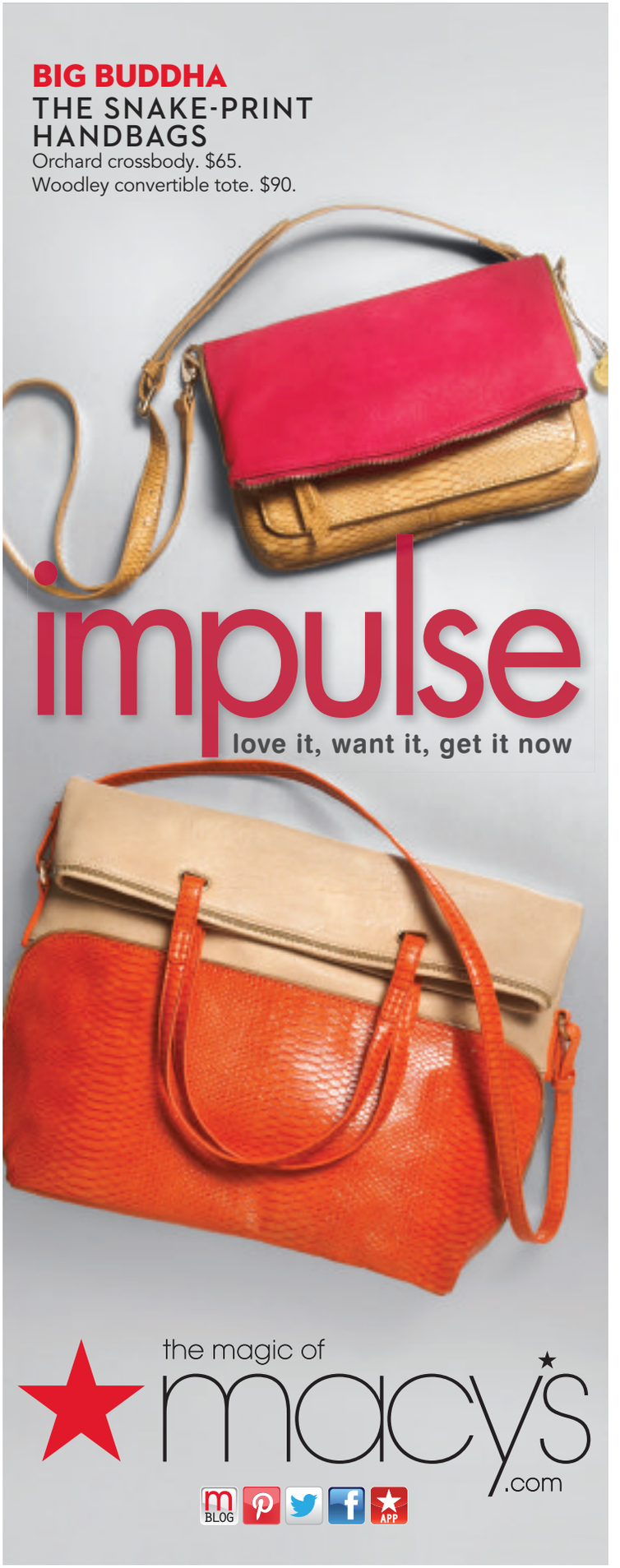

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The landlords owe the city almost $70 million for fees related to repairs. / GETTY IMAGES

Landlords owe city millions for program

Repair. The program fixes up buildings where landlords have failed to do so.

Negligent landlords in New York owe the city $65.3 million for emergency repairs, according to a new study by the city's Independent Budget Office.

The city started two emergency building repair programs in 2007 to help correct egregious housing code violations when landlords failed to do so. This happens an average of 17,300 times a year, according to the new study.

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Landlord fees

Once the buildings are fixed landlords are billed.

- The city has posted more than $180 million in billings to landlords.
- A separate study found the program had limited results.

Airport safety

Man arrested at JFK for fake police IDs

Officials arrested a man at JFK for impersonating a police officer Monday.

According to the Transportation Security Administration, police arrested the man who was found to be in possession of multiple fraudulent NYPD IDs. **DALE EISINGER**

Hate crime

Group sought in anti-gay bias attack

A group of men violently attacked two victims near Madison Square Garden on Sunday night after shouting anti-gay remarks at them, police said. One man suffered a broken nose. **LAURA SHIN**

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Chris Christie has weight loss stomach surgery

Election 2016?
The New Jersey Governor said that the surgery was for health, not politics.

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie. / GETTY IMAGES

New Jersey Gov. Chris Christie is slimming down.

He revealed on Monday that he underwent stomach lap-band surgery earlier this year, the New York Post reports.

The 50-year-old governor said he decided to opt for the surgery because he wants to improve his health for the sake of his wife and four kids.

"I've struggled with this issue for 20 years," he told the Post. "For me, this is about turning 50 and looking at my children and wanting to be there for them."

A source said Christie checked into the surgery center on Feb. 16 and used a false name. He also kept the operation secret by having his doctor visit him in his home instead of traveling to his medical office to have the work done.

Watching health

"For me, this is about turning 50 and looking at my children and wanting to be there for them." Gov. Chris Christie

The surgery works by placing a silicone tube around the top of his stomach, making him feel fuller and limiting how much he eats. Sources say he has already lost 40 pounds since he has undergone the procedure.

Christie denied that the decision to have the surgery was motivated by any plans to run for president in 2016, but political fundraisers say that they believe the operation is a sign that he will run.

The New Jersey governor hired the surgeon who operated on New York Jets coach Rex Ryan, who lost approximately 100 pounds after he underwent through the same procedure in 2010.

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Fed workers rally to stop sequester

Hundreds of people from the National Treasury, Internal Revenue Service and Customs and Border Protection agencies protested at Federal Plaza on Tuesday, May 7, against cuts to the budget sequester. Members of the agencies will face furloughs from the cuts. / GETTY IMAGES

Ammonium nitrate was trigger for the fatal blast in Texas

Smoke rises from the rubble of a house next to the fertilizer plant that exploded in West, Texas. / GETTY IMAGES

Investigators. The actual cause of the fire and subsequent blast is still being determined.

Investigators have confirmed that ammonium nitrate was the trigger for the explosion at a West, Texas, fertilizer plant last month that left 14 people dead and some 200 injured, according to the Texas state fire marshal's office.

The actual cause of the fire and subsequent blast at the West Fertilizer facility is still being determined, investigators said.

The fire marshal's office has been leading the investigation of the April 17 blast, along with the federal Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives agency.

Ammonium nitrate is a dry fertilizer mixed with other fertilizers such as phosphate and applied to crops to promote growth. It can be combustible under certain conditions, and was used as an ingredient in the Oklahoma City bombing in 1995 that left 168 people dead.

Anhydrous ammonia, another fertilizer component, was also stored on site at the West Fertilizer facility and there was some early speculation that it may have been the source of the explosion.

More than 70 investigators have developed over 200 leads, from which over 400 interviews have been conducted. Thus far, investigators do know the origin of the fire was in the fertilizer and seed building. The investigators continue to work on pinpointing an exact location of the fire's origin within the building that is over 12,000 square feet. **REUTERS**

Damages

$100M

The blast caused an estimated $100 million in damages to homes, businesses and schools near the fertilizer plant, and killed several firefighters and other first responders who rushed to the scene of a fire at the fertilizer plant.

Holmes case

Insanity defense for accused Colo. theater gunman

Colorado theater gunman James Holmes, who could face the death penalty if convicted of murdering 12 moviegoers in a July rampage, intends to plead not guilty by reason of insanity, court records released yesterday show. **REUTERS**

Charged. Head of Air Force's anti-sexual assault unit arrested

The officer in charge of a program to curb sexual assault in the U.S. Air Force was arrested over the weekend for allegedly grabbing a woman by the breasts and buttocks in a parking lot not far from the Pentagon.

Lt. Col. Jeffrey Krusinski, 41, was arrested on Sunday and charged with sexual battery after the alleged incident in the Crystal City area of suburban Arlington, Va., officials said.

Krusinski, the head of the Air Force's Sexual Assault Prevention and Response Office, was removed from his job pending an investigation.

Krusinski posted a $5,000 bond and was released from the Arlington County Detention Facility. **REUTERS**

Officials 'floored' by discovery of Cleveland girls 10 years later

Three young women who were abducted more than a decade ago were found alive in this house in Cleveland. / GETTY IMAGES

'Miracle'. Three young women who went missing were found alive.

The city of Cleveland remained in a state of disbelief yesterday after news that three missing young women have all been located alive more than 10 years after their disappearances.

Amanda Berry, Gina DeJesus and Michele Knight all seemed to vanish without a trace in separate cases that plagued the city's police and media for years. Now, after all three were found in a house not far from where each of them disappeared, the people closest to the cases can't wrap their minds around how something like this could happen.

Amanda Berry

Gina DeJesus

Amanda Berry, frantic and desperate to escape, was able to flag down a neighbor Monday evening and call 911, finally free from the home where she and the other young women had been captive since their abductions. Inside the house, police found DeJesus and Knight — plus a 6-year-old girl, believed to be the daughter of Berry — all of them in good health.

Brothers Ariel Castro, 52, Pedro Castro, 54, and Onil Castro, 50, are currently in custody as suspects.

Dorian Barrett, a former investigative producer in the special projects department at WEWS in Cleveland, spent months working leads in the disappearance of Berry, who was last seen in 2003 at age 16, and Gina DeJesus, who disappeared in 2004 at 14. She describes hearing that the mystery, which consumed her thoughts as a journalist for so long, had closed with an unexpected ending.

"I don't think the goose bumps on my skin have gone away since I heard the news," Barrett said. "I am absolutely stunned. I am so happy they were found. I feel a lot of emotions right now. It's hard not to get choked up about these girls."

Barrett recalls a twist in her investigation in 2006 that had her believing she was about to locate Berry.

A viewer of the Ohio lottery show "Cash Explosion" called the WEWS tip line certain she had spotted a girl in the crowd who looked eerily similar to Berry.

Barrett reviewed the tape, but it turned out not to be the missing girl.

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Neighbors discuss the case. / GETTY IMAGES

Were there any clues?

After the news the girls are alive and were being held mere miles from where they were taken, Barrett has racked her brain for any clue she may have overlooked, any lead that could have found them.

During her investigation, which often included working with police detectives, they never looked at named suspect Ariel Castro, or his two brothers, who are also in custody.

"This came out of left field, in my mind," Barrett said. "I am just floored where they were discovered. The name never came up, none of this information was anything we had seen or come across."

She added, "I never held the assumption they were dead. I thought they had been removed from the city and the state."

The families of Berry and DeJesus always maintained that the girls were alive. Berry's mother died of heart failure two years after her daughter went missing. Family members have publicly stated they believe she died of a "broken heart."

CASSANDRA GARRISON

A police officer stands guard at the scene.

Quoted

"This came out of left field, in my mind. I am just floored where they were discovered."

Barrett

Close to home. Cousin says girl was blocks from aunt's house

The families of missing Cleveland women Gina DeJesus and Amanda Berry are still processing the fact that their loved ones were found alive after almost 10 years in captivity. Perhaps equally shocking is the fact that they were being held in a house not far from where they were abducted in the city.

Still, it goes one step further for the family of DeJesus. The home of suspect Ariel Castro is in the 2200 block of Seymour Avenue — mere blocks away from DeJesus' aunt's home in the 3200 block.

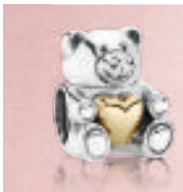
"Last evening, I was in such a state of disbelief," Sheila Figaro, a cousin of DeJesus, told Metro. "There were all those thoughts that race through one's mind — is she right under your nose? Has she been taken to another country? But, you just never know. [It's hard] to find out she was blocks two away from her own family."

CASSANDRA GARRISON

Other captivity cases

The Berry, DeJesus and Knight abductions are just the latest in a string of captivity mysteries in recent years that have shocked the nation and the world.

- Elizabeth Smart was held by her kidnapper for nine months in 2002.
- Jaycee Lee Dugard was held by her abductor for 18 years beginning in 1991.
- Elisabeth Fritzi was held captive and raped by her own father in Austria for 24 years.



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Posture. US, S. Korea, vow to stay strong on N. Korea deterrent

The United States and South Korea agree on maintaining a deterrent posture toward North Korea and on not rewarding that provocative behavior from Pyongyang, President Barack Obama said.

"President Park and myself very much share the view that we are going to maintain a strong deterrent, we're not going to reward provocative behavior, but we remain open to the prospect of North Korea taking a peaceful path," Obama said at a joint press conference with South Korea's president, Park Geun-hye. REUTERS

President Barack Obama shakes hands with South Korea's president, Park Geun-hye, at the White House yesterday. / GETTY IMAGES

Free trade

China worries about EU-US plans for free trade pact

China has raised concerns about European Union plans to negotiate an ambitious free trade deal with the United States, fearing it is a protectionist move, a senior EU official said yesterday.

Chinese officials queried EU foreign policy chief Catherine Ashton about the issue when she visited Beijing at the end of April for talks with Foreign Minister Wang Yi and other Chinese leaders.

The 27-nation EU and the United States aim to launch negotiations on a transatlantic free trade deal by the end of June, with discussions set to last at least two years. REUTERS

Video game maker drops gun makers, but not their guns

First-person shooter games let players blast their way through battlefields while looking down the barrel of a virtual gun, taking aim with the flick of a controller. / GETTY IMAGES

Virtual double-edged sword

"It gives publicity to the particular brand of gun being used in the video game. ... On the other hand, it's linking that gun with violent and aggressive behavior."

Brand J. Bushman, a professor at Ohio State University who has studied video game violence

Guns. Rifles by Bushmaster, which made the gun used in the Newtown school shooting, have appeared in the hugely popular "Call of Duty."

In the midst of the bitter national debate on gun violence, gun manufacturers and video game makers are delicately navigating one of the more peculiar relationships in American business.

Violent "first-person shooter" games such as "Call of Duty" are the bread and butter of leading video game publishers, and authenticity all but requires that they feature brand-name weapons.

Electronic Arts licensed weapons from companies like McMillan Group International as part of a marketing collaboration for "Medal of Honor: Warfighter." Activision Blizzard gives "special thanks" to Colt, Barrett and Remington in the credits for its "Call of Duty" titles.

Yet, in the wake of the Newtown shooting, the biggest advocate for gun ownership, the National Rifle Association, took aim at video games to explain gun violence. One week after 20 schoolchildren and six adults were killed in the shooting, NRA chief executive Wayne LaPierre called the video game industry "a callous, corrupt and corrupting shadow industry that sells, and sows, violence against its own people."

Now at least one game maker, the second-largest by revenue in the United States, is publicly distancing itself from the gun industry — even as it finds ways to keep the branded guns in the games. Electronic Arts says it is severing its licensing ties to gun manufacturers — and simultaneously asserting that it has the right, and the intention, to continue to feature branded guns without a license.

For the gunmakers, having their products in games is "free marketing, just like having Coca-Cola" in a movie, said Roxanne Christ, a partner at Latham & Watkins LLP in Los Angeles, who works with video game companies on licensing, but has not personally done a gun deal. REUTERS

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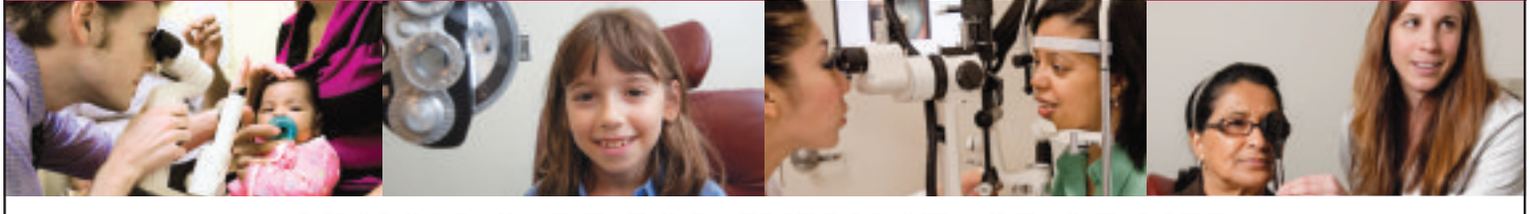

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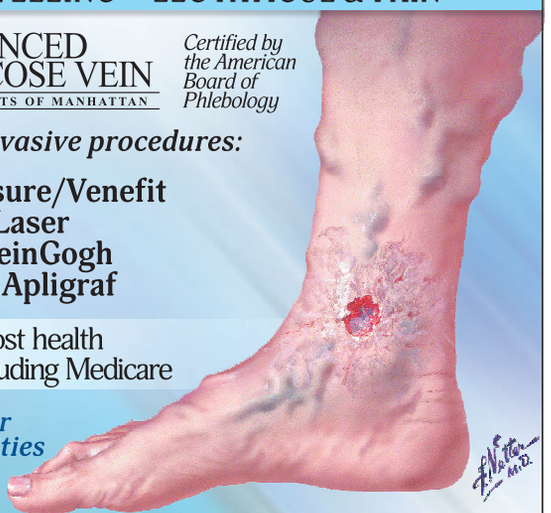

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Kat Von D on being in a male-dominated field

In her third book, "Go Big or Go Home," acclaimed tattoo artist and reality TV star Kat Von D delves deep to tell stories from her own life, as well as the experiences she's shared with clients. But one aspect of her life she hasn't nailed down is whether or not she's broken the glass ceiling in the tattoo industry.

In a recent interview with Metro (you can read it all on Metro.us), she says she doesn't want being a woman to define her career.

"Although I feel lucky to be a girl, because it's fun to be a girl, I get kind of annoyed by these uber-feminists who make gender such a big part of who they are," Von D said when we asked her what's it like being a female tattoo artist in such a male-dominated industry. "I don't think gender should define you. I've always wanted my work to speak for itself. So, as for the challenges of being in a male-dominated field? I get cramps once a month, but that's it."

Vonn and Woods take their romance public at the Costume Gala

Well, looky here: It's the first photo of Tiger Woods and Lindsay Vonn as a couple. The sports duo showed up together at the annual Costume Institute Gala at the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York on Monday night. But according to Us Weekly, their big night out wasn't without problems as Woods maybe had a little too much to drink.

At the gala's after-party at the Standard Hotel, the two did get handsy with one another. An onlooker tells the magazine they "chatted, drank, held hands and kissed for much of the night." The two moved their affection onto the dance floor where Woods danced and "grabbed Vonn's butt." But then around 2 a.m., a "seemingly tipsy" Woods fell on the ground and didn't move him until Vonn helped him up.

Butt-grabbing? Face-planting? Seems like an amazing first outing to me.

THE WORD

Dorothy Robinson's take on the world of gossip

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Nick Cannon defends wife

In an appearance on "KTLA Morning News," Nick Cannon defended his wife, Mariah Carey, and her ongoing feud with co-judge Nicki Minaj on "American Idol." "My wife [had] foreseen all this. She tried to tell the network, 'I don't think this is going to work. I'm afraid. ... I don't need this.'" Cannon said Carey thought that pairing her and Minaj was "taking it in the wrong direction, because this is going to turn into one of those reality shows. She's like, 'I didn't sign up to be on "Love and Hip Hop."'"

But that doesn't mean Carey is letting the fighting bother her. Per Cannon: "She comes home and just doesn't have time for it. She's too busy trying to be the world's biggest superstar mom."

Lauryn Hill blames slavery for not paying enormous tax bill

It looks like blaming slavery isn't enough to keep Lauryn Hill out of jail.

In addition to having to pay a $60,000 fine, the singer was sentenced yesterday in Newark, N.J., to three months of prison, three months of house arrest and 9 months of supervised release for not paying taxes on the $1.5 million she made from 2005 to 2007.

"I am a child of former slaves who had a system imposed on them. I had an economic system imposed on me. I sold 50 million units [and] now I'm up here paying a tax debt. If that's not likened to slavery, I don't know what is," she told the judge in her defense. (The judge, by the way, was not swayed.)

Wait. Is Lauryn Hill secretly a spokesperson for Ron Paul? It certainly seems that way. Nobody better tell her about Obamacare, or else she's really going to flip.

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So punk

Enjoy some red carpet looks from the Met Gala, which celebrated its spring 2013 Costume Institute exhibition: "Punk: Chaos to Couture." **TINA CHADHA**

The looks

1 Sarah Jessica Parker channeled the most punk of dressers — Carrie Bradshaw, of course — in a Giles Deacon gown, velvet Christian Louboutin boots and a Philip Treacy headpiece.

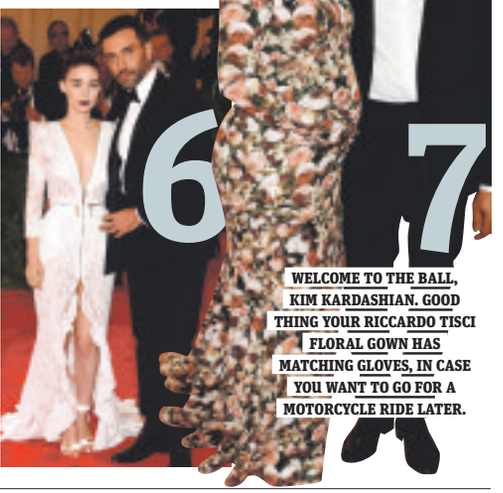
2 Lisbeth Salander? No, it's just Miley Cyrus in a mesh Marc Jacobs dress she would probably go grocery shopping in.

3 Madonna left her pants home but brought along plenty of studs, fishnet and chains, thanks to her Givenchy ensemble.

4 Not sure we see the punk in this, but Anna Wintor, in Chanel Couture, does look lovely.

5 Beyonce probably has pajamas with trains — now that would be punk. Here the singer wears Givenchy Haute Couture by Riccardo Tisci.

6 Rooney Mara does "dark princess" so well. The actress paired her white lace Givenchy gown with vampy lips for some edge.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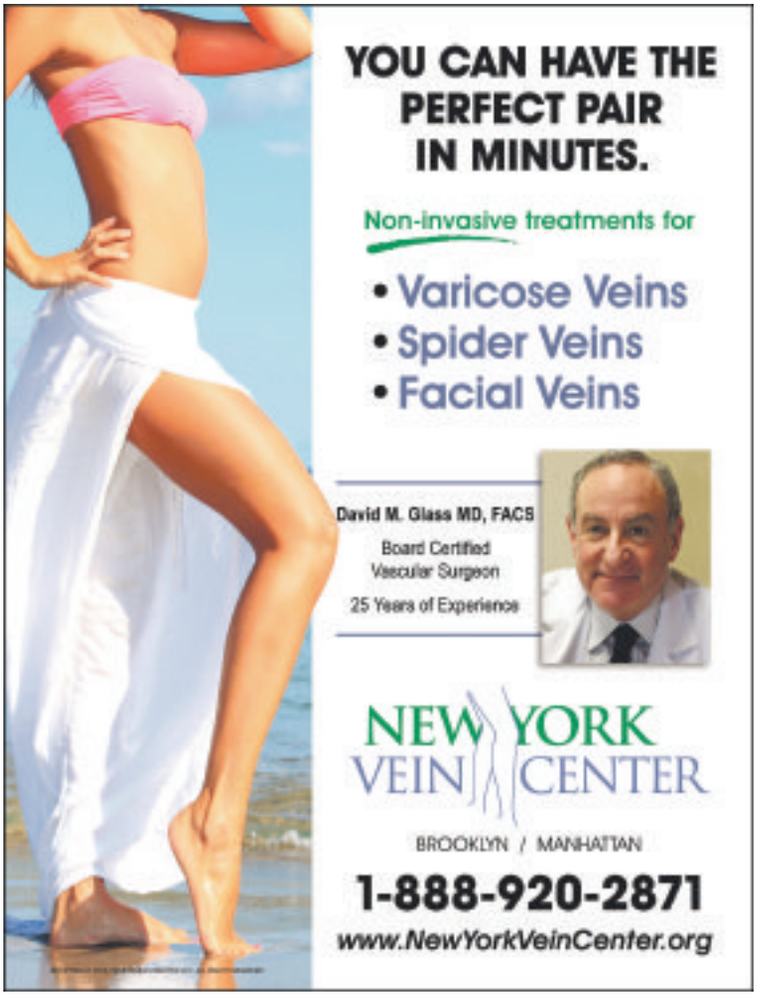

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JOEL EDGERTON

The actor talks playing a villain for a change in "The Great Gatsby."

BREAKING BAD

Joel Edgerton stars as Tom Buchanan in "The Great Gatsby." / COURTESY OF WARNER BROS. PICTURES

Joel Edgerton is in his underwear. His schedule is so packed that he has to do this interview while being fitted for a tuxedo, which he will wear to the Cannes screening of his new film, Baz Luhrmann's glittery version of "The Great Gatsby."

"One day he's going to see me without my pants on in a movie, if he hasn't already," Edgerton cracks. So while the Aussie actor — best known for his roles in "Animal Kingdom," "Warrior" and as one of SEALs in "Zero Dark Thirty" — is in various states of undress, we get to talking about his performance as Tom Buchanan, the most hissable richie of F. Scott Fitzgerald's tome.

You just saw the movie last night. What was that experience like?
It's hard to tell whether you like a movie when you see it for the first time, just because you're in it. You're judging your own performance most of the time. Or I do, anyway. Like, "Oh f—, he used that piece instead of the other piece." Or I think I did something too big or too small. It's all negative. It was great for a movie like "Animal Kingdom," because once my character is killed, then I could just enjoy the rest of the film.

Baz Luhrmann has a strong visual style. How is he with actors?
Baz makes you feel valued in the process. If he wanted to change anything on a given day, he'd go to each of our trailers for one-on-one meetings. Few other directors would do that. I'm sure it wasted a bit of time in the morning. Actors love working with him, and they told me Baz will make you look great. I'm not often thinking about my jaw line or the cut of my suit, or how my shape appears on film. But he is. He'll make sure you come off well visually.

When you were pitched a version of "Gatsby" with 3-D and Baz's time warp style, what were your thoughts?
I didn't imagine words popping out of the screen and the rapid editing style. But I've seen his other movies. I didn't know why I expected anything more subdued. ... The idea of a drama in 3-D is really cool. The period is so sparkly and loud, maybe the technical aspect of the movie needed to have its own exaggerated insanity to it. ... And Baz is constantly drawing from the themes of tragic love, so for both this visual style and his thematic leanings, he's kind of the perfect guy to make this story.

On playing a jerk

You play a lot of nice guys. What was it like playing a cad like Tom?
I never thought I could be Tom Buchanan. When I was younger I thought I could do anything. ... Young actors are pretty stubborn about casting. Then when I got behind the camera ... I realized not everyone can do what we needed. And I chilled on the idea of people who wouldn't cast me in certain roles. Baz put the fire back under me. I shouldn't have been Tom. I'm not that guy. But his excitement in seeing that side of me got me to do it.

How do you play a character who's so often indefensible?
Tom is a pig. He's very arrogant and racist and selfish and misogynist and a philanderer. ... Tom was one of the first football players at Yale. ... Now he's retired, he's got all the money in the world. I just imagined Tom was really bored and really unhappy. And then when Gatsby comes in and tries to take his wife away, it f—ing brings the sport back into his life. ... If another man comes in to take your possessions, he's gonna fight.

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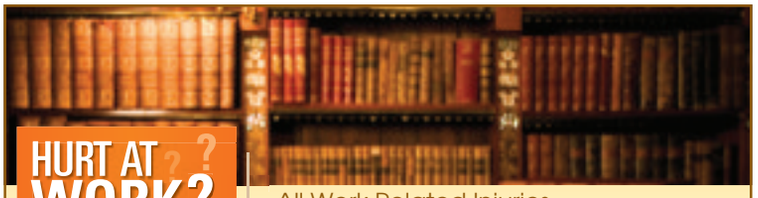

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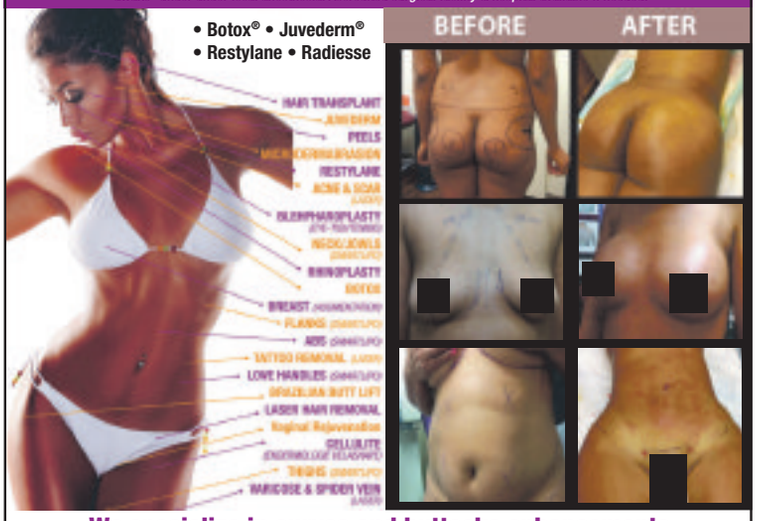

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Robin Amos Kahn dishes

Playwright. We spoke to the creative force behind the newest girl-power play to debut off-Broadway.

Kahn's comedy runs through May 11 (www.scrambledeggstheplay.com). / LILLY CHARLES

Robin Amos Kahn is the mind behind "Scrambled Eggs," a new comedy now running off-Broadway about the lives of women. We sat down with the playwright, a former screenwriter for daytime soap operas, to chat about how much of this narrative — starring Amy Van Nostrand, and co-written by Gary Richards — comes from her own life experiences. Plus, how did she handle transitioning from writing major drama for the small screen to getting big laughs from a live audience?

What is "Scrambled Eggs" about?
For me, it's really an everywoman's story about this one character that's very universal, about this certain crossroads that causes her to look back over her life. … She is physically going through certain symptoms that she doesn't understand, and she's at a place in her life where she's wondering if she's losing her mind.

Is it drawn from your own experiences?
Some of it is based on my own life. I've always had a lot of close girlfriends, so I'm always saying to them: "Are you going to do this? What happened to you? When you were dating, did you do this?" So all of those stories inform this play, because we are our relationships and friendships. A lot of this is based on shared memories and shared experiences.

Q&A

Is it just targeted to middle-aged women?

No. This character goes back over her entire life, [from] family life with her parents to her dating life. My daughter, who is 25, really relates to the younger period of dating. And men seem to love this play because it gives them insight into women in a way that they don't usually have, and they also get to laugh at themselves and laugh at some of the foibles of women — at some of our craziness. … It definitely seems to touch people at different stages of their lives.

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"My analogy for writing soaps was that I was a ballerina with 30-pound weights attached to my feet. Everything I wrote, I wanted to be funny. ... [But] every time I wrote something funny, they'd cross it out." Kahn

Did working with Gary Richards help add the male's point of view?
The original story was that I was writing a solo show, and I was going to perform it. And I worked on it with a dramaturge. Then I completely chickened out and said, "Just give it to a good actress — I don't want to get onstage and do it!" So we had an actress do a reading, and Gary, who's a writer and a director said, "I think this would make a great play. Let's bring all the characters to life." So the two of us did that, and it evolved.

How was it moving from writing dramas for TV to a comedic play?
Comedy is much less challenging for me. Soaps are much more challenging. My analogy for writing soaps was that I was a ballerina with 30-pound weights attached to my feet. Everything I wrote, I wanted to be funny. There was one show I could be funny on, and that was "Guiding Light." But every other show was very serious, and every time I wrote something funny they'd cross it out. … I admire great drama. I worship Tony Kushner, I wish I could write "Angels in America." But I'm going to be me — it's going to come from a much more humorous place, because that's just who I am.

What's your favorite moment in the play?
There's a scene with the parents when the character was a child — and for me it's about growing up in a family that's really dysfunctional. How do we do it as a child, and how do we feel good about ourselves when we're in dysfunction? I actually wrote about it in a writing group once, [and] tissues were passed around the room — and then I wrote it as a funnier piece now. [It's] extremely poignant. So for me, that's the moment. But there are a lot of them.

Where did the title come from?
The title actually came from [actor/writer] Eric Bogosian, who is one of my comic heroes. [He] read an early version, and he said, "I have the perfect title for you: 'Scrambled Eggs.'" It just stuck. And when you see it, you'll know why it's a good title.

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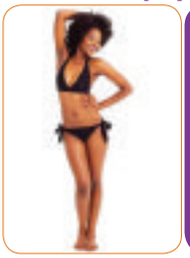

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With real estate — if you're investing in it, selling it or buying it — you're always rolling the dice. Bond New York has the solution: your real estate horoscope, a new monthly feature on the residential brokerage's website.

For each of the 12 astrological signs, Kelly Kreth, owner of Kreth Communications, a real estate PR firm that represents Bond, has crafted a set of recommendations. Should you pull the trigger on that deal? What neighborhoods will suit your personality type best?

Kreth's advice is lighthearted yet pragmatic, meant to provide a harmless nudge for those on the fence about a particular deal.

"In NYC, no matter what party you attend, people brag about one of two things: how much they pay for housing or how little. This year you will turn into the former, so start looking at your deluxe in the sky," reads this month's entry for Geminis. **GUELDA VOIEN**

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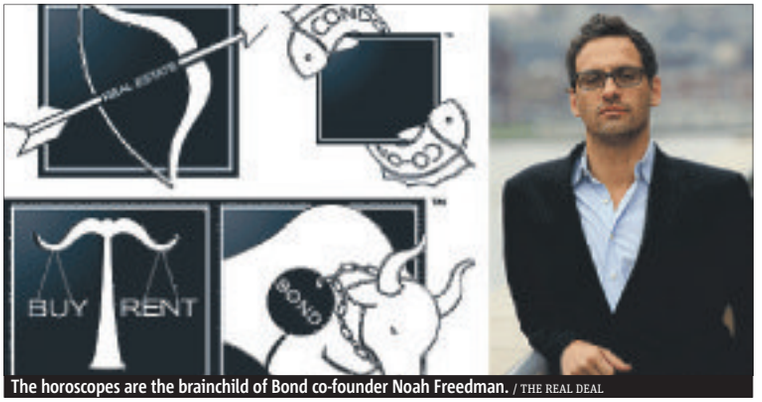
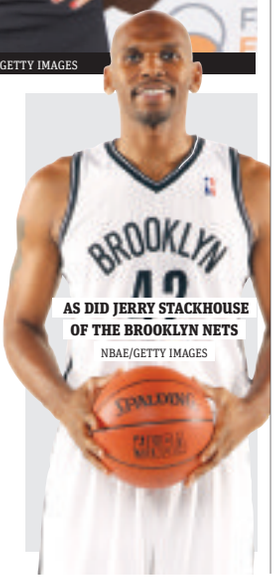


The horoscopes are the brainchild of Bond co-founder Noah Freedman. / THE REAL DEAL

Real estate. The Atelier attracts more celeb tenants

Singer Deborah Cox signed up. / GETTY IMAGES

The Atelier is getting two more celebrity residents. Brooklyn Nets powerhouse Jerry Stackhouse and Broadway star Deborah Cox are the newest boldface names to sign leases at the Moinian Group-developed condominium building at 635 W. 42nd St. Stackhouse and Cox join a long list of celebs who have rented at the 46-story tower, including Dania Ramirez of "Entourage" fame and former "E.R." star Mekhi Pfifer, who stayed there during the run of Broadway's "Stick Fly." **HAYLEY KAPLAN FOR THE REAL DEAL**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Hone your home

Decor. These staging tips will entice buyers.

If your home's For Sale sign is becoming a fixture, still there in this red-hot spring real estate market, you might be doing something wrong. Staging is what designers do to give a home maximum eye appeal. Ave Bradley, Kimpton Hotels' vice president of design, is responsible for creating welcoming atmospheres that appeal to a wide group of people, which is exactly the effect a home seller wants. "The important thing is to create a space that's warm and inviting, a place people want to linger," says Bradley.

She tells us how to get our home ready for prospective buyers.

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Get your home clean and clear before an open house. / GETTY IMAGES, WAVEBREAK MEDIA

Bag the clutter ... and the laundry

"Never underestimate the impact of clutter. A room that's clean and well organized is more inviting. Also, I don't want to see the remnants of someone else's life. I don't want to see their toothbrush, or their bra on a sofa! Throw everything in a trash bag and put it in a cabinet."

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appeal

Say it with flowers, not food

"Nothing is more welcoming than flowers. I like to see a big, vibrant, fresh flower arrangement. Put one in the bathroom and the living room. I see people offering these extravagant food spreads. It's just not necessary. Also, be careful about cooking smells like bacon or fish. People want to smell lemon or lavender when they walk in, not pizza."

CHARM THEM WITH FRESH FLOWERS. / GETTY IMAGES, BRAND X

Paint walls a neutral color

"In older Victorian- or Spanish-style homes, strong colors work. For most modern homes, a neutral but warm scheme is best: taupe, celadon green, white. The same goes for furniture. The bigger and bolder, the fewer people can relate. It increases the sale chances if a room's colors are quiet and people can imagine their lives there."

Neutral wall colors increase the chance of sales. / THINKSTOCK

Bring on sunshine and smiles

"It's important to get the right broker with a welcoming attitude. When you walk in, you don't want to see a selling agent who's arrogant. And open up drapery — there's nothing more off-putting than walking into a place with the drapes drawn. It reminds people of sickness. Let the sunlight shine in."

Pull back curtains before prospective buyers come over. / GETTY IMAGES

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Health notes

Get moving at Saturday's SELF Workout in the Park. / PROVIDED

Treat yo'SELF

SELF's Workout in the Park returns for its 20th year this Saturday at Rumsey Playfield in Central Park. With your $20 ticket purchase (www.selfworkoutinthepark.com), you'll get to demo new classes from CRUNCH gym, get fashion and beauty consultations, learn nutrition tips and a get one-year subscription to the mag. Keep your eyes peeled for hosts Bethenny Frankel, Shay Mitchell ("Pretty Little Liars") and Z100's Danielle Monaro.

Atten—SHUN!

Also in Central Park this weekend is a free bootcamp class with Stacy Berman — arguably the founder of NYC's bootcamp trend. The 92nd St. Y has just started offering Berman's Bootcamp classes, and to get you psyched about them, they're offering a free class this Saturday at 10 a.m. in Central Park (Fifth Ave. at 90th St.). You'll use the park to run, jump and refamiliarize with the activities you used to do as a kid (wheelbarrows, duck walks, piggy-back rides — all surprisingly more challenging as an adult!).

Get a new bike

The fifth annual Brooklyn Bike Jumble in Park Slope this Saturday promises a gigantic selection of bikes at bargain prices (starting at $50!). Swing by Washington Park (Fifth Ave. and Fourth St.) from 10 a.m.-4 p.m. to get everything you need to ride in style, plus learn about nonprofit cycling efforts within the city.

MEREDITH ENGEL

Meet your new chef: Gwyneth Paltrow

Food. The no-coffee, no-bread, no-fun approach featured in the actress's new cookbook is a little overwhelming. But the recipes are irresistible.

Paltrow's cookbook is available now. / HACHETTE

With just a few more weeks to go before beach-body season, we thought we'd share exclusive recipes from Gwyneth Paltrow's latest cookbook, "It's all Good" — specifically ones from the Body Building Menu. Because if this meal plan is what helped 40-year-old Gwyneth get a "22-year-old stripper's butt," maybe it'll do the same for us.

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Recipe. Breakfast: Leftover quinoa with egg, kale and scallion

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Serves 1

- 2 tablespoons extra virgin olive oil
- 1 garlic clove, finely minced
- 2 large leaves of kale (stems discarded), finely shredded
- ½ cup perfectly cooked quinoa
- Coarse sea salt
- Freshly ground black pepper
- A poached egg or olive oil fried egg
- 1 scallion, white and light green parts only, very finely sliced

Cooked quinoa is a great, useful staple to have on hand at all times, especially in the morning.

1 Heat the oil and garlic over medium heat in a small skillet until the garlic begins to soften, just 1 minute.

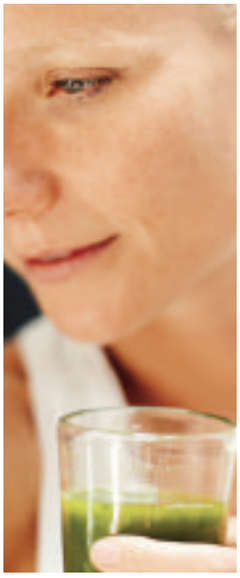
2 Add the shredded kale and cook, stirring now and then, until the kale is wilted, 2 to 3 minutes.

3 Add the quinoa and cook, stirring until warmed through, another 2 minutes. Season the mixture to taste with salt and pepper.

4 Place the mixture in a shallow bowl or on a plate, top with the egg and sprinkle with the scallions.

5 Add a final grind of black pepper if you like.

Recipe. Post-workout recovery snack: Body Builder Smoothie



Packed with vitamins and minerals from the greens powder, made sweet with a date and creamy with almond milk and banana, this super-high protein shake will set you up for your day or workout and is also a great recovery beverage to enjoy right after you exercise.

Serves 1

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The cool kids of eyewear open their flagship in SoHo.

EYES WIDE OPEN

Neil Blumenthal and David Gilboa, co-founders of hip online eyewear brand Warby Parker — which sells trendy, affordable glasses with prescription lenses starting at $95 — recently opened the doors to their stylish new SoHo digs. Gilboa gives us a tour and tells us why we should spring for, say, pink glasses this summer.

Your website is so successful. Why open a brick-and-mortar shop?
We wanted to create a much more refreshing shopping experience considering glasses are a really fun accessory. All of our glasses are out in the open, so you can try them on. We have full-length mirrors and a lot of room to bring family members and other people just to get feedback. The act of buying glasses is a pretty social experience.

The boutique feels like a modern library.
For the design itself we wanted people to feel like they were walking into a great library. The name Warby Parker came from two early Jack Kerouac characters that we discovered at the New York Public Library. We took a lot of inspiration from there with really high ceilings and bookshelves stacked with reading material. In addition to glasses, we have really interesting books from 14 different publishers, including McSweeney's and Dashwood, and have books from a lot of these new generation writers. We wanted to relate the ties Warby Parker has to academia and literature and I think, in general, glasses have a natural tie to reading and learning, so we wanted to build that into the store.

What are some eyeglass trends that you are loving, and which ones are over?
For a while, really thick, chunky glasses were in vogue — and now a lot of those people are moving toward thinner frames.

And as we enter spring and summer, people can take a little more risk with color. In the past, people wore the same pair for two to three years. Part of the reason why we launched Warby Parker is because we realized that we could make glasses affordable. If you can buy more pairs, you can take more risks, and have more fun with color. [You can] have some frames that you wear to work and then some frames that are a little bit more fun, for weekends or when you're going out.

Gilboa's tips

Finding the perfect frame for your face

- You typically want the glasses shape to be the opposite shape of your face. If you have a really round face, you'll look better in square glasses.
- You don't want your eyebrows to be covered up by the frame, [because] then the frames are probably a little bit too big.

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Superhero masks are a reality

Welcome to the future. New prototypes bring you that much closer to fighting evil — or just hearing things better.

Fans of "Iron Man," take notice: A group of students at the Royal College of Art in London have created two masks that can give you superhuman sight and hearing.

The first prototype covers the wearer's ears, mouth and nose and uses a directional microphone to give him or her the ability to hear an isolated sound in a noisy environment. For example, you could target a person in a crowd and clearly hear his or her words without the surrounding noise.

The other prototype is worn over one's eyes. A camera captures video and sends it to a computer, which can apply a set of effects to it in real-time and send it back to the wearer. One can, for example, use it to see movement patterns, similar to the effects of long-exposure photography.

The team behind project Eidos — Tim Bouckley, Millie Clive-Smith, Mi Eun Kim and Yuta Sugawara — see many possible applications of this technology. For example, one could use the visual mask to analyze movement and technique in sports. In another example, concert-goers could use the hearing mask to focus on a certain performer at a concert.

"We are used to controlling the world around us to find the settings that suit us best. While technology advances to aid this, our physical bodies remain the same. What if we had the same control over our senses? If we could adjust them in real time, what experiences would this make possible?" they ask.

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Getting complex

Though the Eidos prototypes are relatively simple, the ideas behind the project are interesting.

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Horoscope

♉ Taurus | April 21 - May 21. You might feel that you can't accomplish something without assistance. Normally, you work far better when alone.

♊ Gemini | May 22 - June 20. By all means, be helpful to those who genuinely need assistance, but know when someone else can handle something without your interference.

♋ Cancer | June 21 - July 22. You should be realistic about your expectations for social engagements. If you don't, you could be disappointed.

♌ Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Normally, you have the tenacity to achieve your desired results. However, you might be too willing to throw in the towel today.

♍ Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. Most of the time, you tend to be a very flexible person, but you can be very rigid as well, if you're not careful. Don't cling to untenable positions.

♎ Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. If someone requests that you make good on a debt or obligation, do your best to do so.

♏ Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. There are always two sides to every issue. Try to be flexible in your outlook so that you don't overlook a quality solution.

♐ Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. You might think that you're only temporarily shelving an unpleasant task, but this brief respite could turn into an eternity.

♑ Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. If your attitude is glum rather than gregarious, you'll only make yourself and those around you miserable.

♒ Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. If you fail to attend to certain domestic responsibilities, you will amass an extraordinary level of guilt. You shouldn't let this happen.

♓ Pisces | Feb. 19 - March 20. It's best not to discuss something that you're passionate about with a pessimistic associate.

♈ Aries | March 21 - April 20. Be prudent as possible in the management of your funds. Don't borrow what could be difficult to repay.

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How to play
Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Letters

Metro's not doing girls any favors

Re: "Women's health" (Metro, May 7) Your May 7 edition has lots of pictures of partially clad women. I am a regular reader of your paper, which is usually good. I have a pre-teen daughter who I unfortunately need to watch carefully because of sexual predators, as does everyone else with children. I don't want to be looking at someone else's daughter's body without many clothes on, just like I would not like others doing that to my daughter. Does that make me a prude? Many times there are pictures of women (and men) with hardly anything on apparently for the purpose of sexualization or stimulation of the opposite sex. How are pictures like this going to show boys and men that women are not sex objects for their personal stimulation and consumption (or vice versa)?

If you make it seem okay or even cool or fun to look under women's clothing, then how is that particularly helping to protect women and children?

All I can think to do at the moment is to collect as many of your newspapers as possible and recycle them and also encourage others to do the same so that I can do some small good for society.

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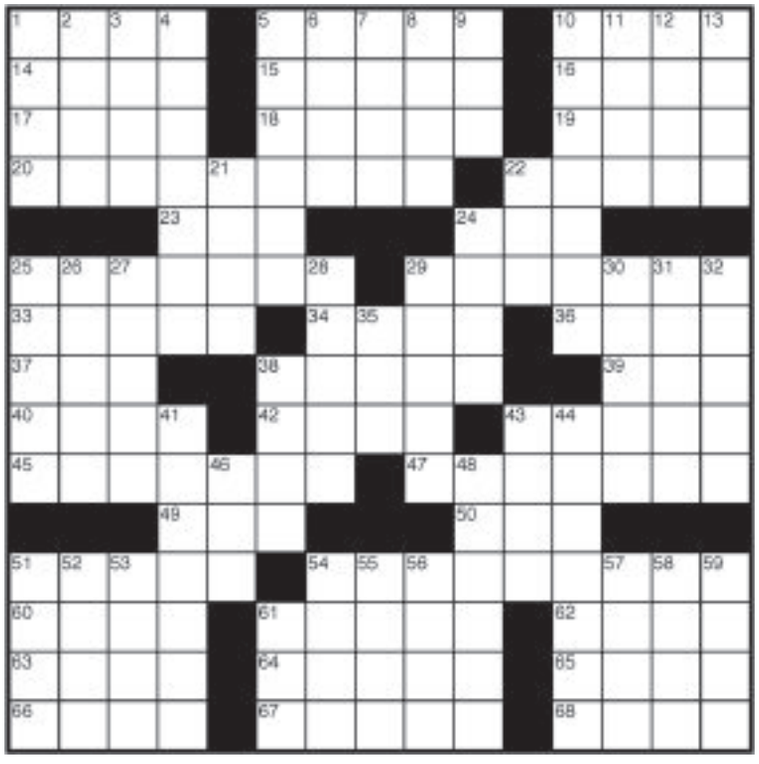

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Open season

Jackson not interested in Nets opening

Nets general manager Billy King has been evasive about possible coaching candidates to replace the recently fired P.J. Carlesimo, but he did finally admit to some interest in Phil Jackson. It just doesn't appear to be mutual.

King spoke with WFAN yesterday and while he initially declined to discuss the future Hall of Fame coach, he did eventually open up some.

"Basically, I want to talk to Phil, see what he's going to do, what he wants to do and talk some basketball," King told WFAN midday.

However, ESPN reported last night that Jackson isn't interested in the Brooklyn job, according to a league source.

King wouldn't comment on other rumored options, including Celtics head coach Doc Rivers or former Knicks head coach Jeff Van Gundy. Reports indicate the team is also considering former Clippers coach Mike Dunleavy, former Bucks coach Scott Skiles and Pacers assistant Brian Shaw.

MARK OSBORNE

Phil Jackson / GETTY IMAGES

Carmelo Anthony shot 50 percent from the field as he led all scorers with 32 points. / JEFF ZELEVANSKY, GETTY IMAGES

Knicks bounce back with rout of Pacers

NBA playoffs. Carmelo Anthony was back on his game in the comfortable win.

The Knicks staved off what would've been a near-impossible mountain to climb by avoiding an 0-2 deficit, as they took care of business with a 105-79 win over the Pacers in Game 2 of the Eastern Conference semifinals.

New York acted as if they were the more desperate team from the start, as they jumped out to a nine-point lead after the first quarter.

Anthony finished with a game-high 32 points on 13-of-26 shooting, and added nine rebounds and two steals, as he was just as active on the defensive end as he was as on offense.

The Knicks collectively got their shot back, as they shot 49.5 percent from the floor. And while their 3-point struggles continued (33.3 percent, including missing 12-of-13 at one point), they still managed to get great open looks — meaning all they need to do is actually knock down those open shots.

The Pacers got a better performance from star Paul George, as he notched 20 points on 8-of-16 shooting, but the All-Star forward committed a game-high seven turnovers. Conversely, the Knicks had seven as a team.

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Game 3

When the Knicks finally get back on the court for Game 3 on Saturday, they'll likely have a new look.

- **Steve Novak was questionable last night, but did not play.** However, it's likely he'll be ready Saturday.
- **The bigger question mark is Amar'e Stoudemire, who is practicing and says he should be ready to play.**

Game 4

Islanders even series with Pens

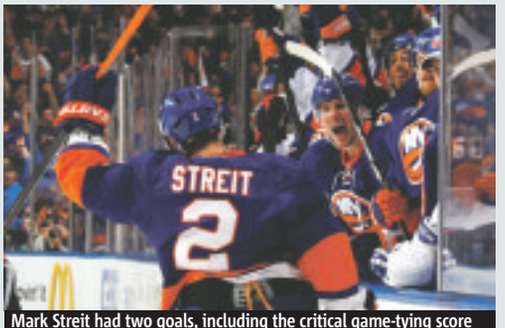
The renaissance season will last at least two more games.

The Islanders return to Pittsburgh having evened the Eastern Conference quarterfinal matchup by topping the Penguins 6-4 in Game 4.

Game 5 is Thursday night at Pittsburgh's CONSOL Energy Center.

The win was the Islanders' first at the Coliseum in the Stanley Cup playoffs since April 28, 2002. The Islanders beat the Maple Leafs, 5-3, in a game remembered for Eric Cairns's TKO of Shayne Corson.

John Tavares's third-period goal with 9:49 remaining was the game-winner. He fired a shot that skittered under Marc-Andre Fleury's arm and along the ice. The goal broke a 4-4 deadlock.



Mark Streit had two goals, including the critical game-tying score in the third period. / BRUCE BENNETT, GETTY IMAGES

Mark Streit tied the game with a shot that ricocheted off Douglas Murray's skate at 4:30 of the third period. It was his second goal of the game, after being credited with a power-play score in the second. Casey Cizikas's second of the series ended the scoring.

Islanders goaltender Evgeni Nabokov made 25 saves. Fleury allowed all six goals on 24 shots.

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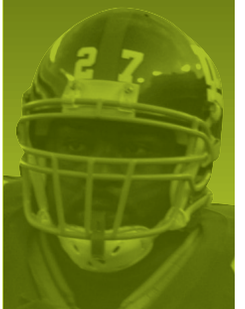

Great Dayne

Dayne enters college hall

Ron Dayne may be one of the least-liked Giants in history, but that doesn't change his college credentials. Yesterday he was honored as such, being named to the latest class of the College Football Hall of Fame. Dayne, an NFL bust after being selected No. 11 overall in 2000, joined former Jets quarterback Vinny Testaverde in the class. Dayne won the Heisman Trophy in 1999 while at Wisconsin.

Hurts so good

Bulls still out

On the same day that Bulls center Joakim Noah told critics of the injured Derrick Rose to "shut up," bad news on his teammates Luol Deng and Kirk Hinrich was also delivered. Neither is likely to suit up for tonight's Game 2 against the Heat. Still, the Bulls shocked the champions in Game 1.

Jets owner tells fans: 'Be patient'

NFL. Woody Johnson was also high on the selection of Geno Smith in the draft.

Smith will face a lot of pressure in camp. / GETTY IMAGES

Owner Woody Johnson knows Jets fans are losing patience with his team.

The polarizing owner spoke to reporters yesterday at an NFL symposium for the first time since the team selected Geno Smith in the NFL Draft and cut Tim Tebow.

"Be patient and trust that we're doing the right thing for your team," Johnson told fans. "You have to have a little bit of faith. Watch."

Fan patience is running low after a 6-10 season and the regression of franchise quarterback Mark Sanchez. It's for that reason the Jets selected former West Virginia quarterback Geno Smith in the second round of last month's draft.

Smith is expected to compete with Sanchez, as well as Greg McIlroy and free agent signee David Garrard, for the starting job this fall.

"I'm extremely happy to have [Smith]," Johnson told reporters. "He's welcome to the competition. It's going to be fun.

"We'll just see how it goes. I don't want to prejudge it because they've got to go in there and compete every game. We'll see when they step on the field."

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Te-bye

Johnson answered a host questions on the always-newsworthy Jets offseason, including plenty on the release of Tebow last week.

- **"The fit, obviously, wasn't perfect or he would still be there," Johnson said.** "It's just one of those things. You make a lot of decisions in football that aren't going to help, that aren't helpful, and you have to move on from those decisions."
- **Johnson was more positive about Sanchez, though he certainly didn't label him the unquestioned starter as he did last offseason. Instead, he echoed the Jets' new motto this season.**
- **"The message to all the players on the team is that with [general manager] John Idzik — it's going to be competition, all the way around," Johnson said.**

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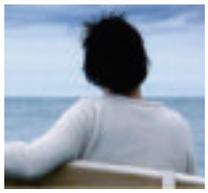

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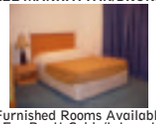

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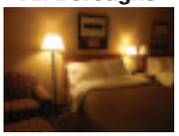

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